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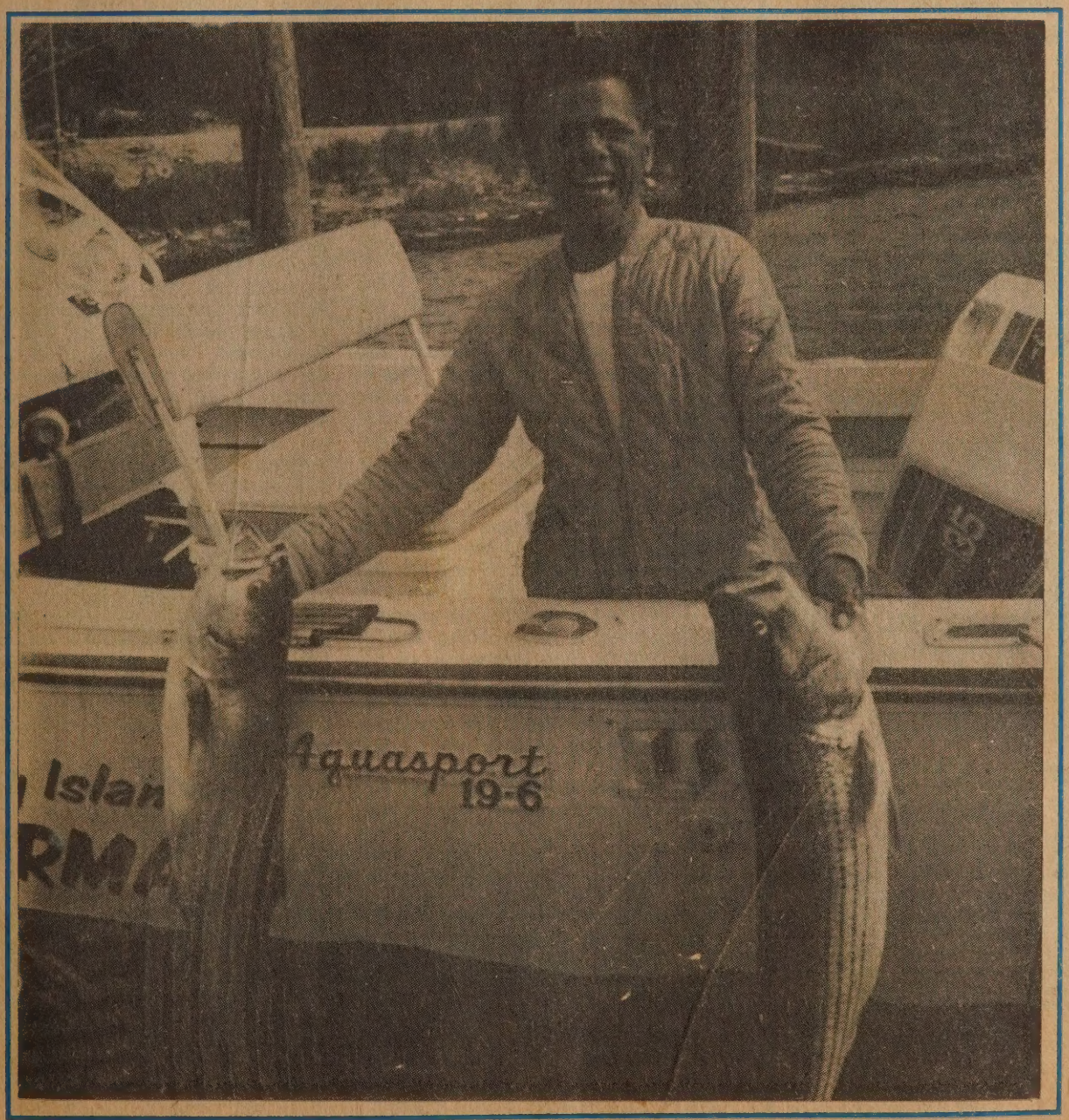

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SOBA BECOMES MECLI

The Save Our Bays Assn. of Long Island (SOBA) announced that the organizations name would be changed, and as of November 1, 1974 it will be called "Marine Environmental Council of Long Island" (MECLI). SOBA has been involved in environmental fights to protect the marine environment in areas other than the bays, and the new name will more define the role and goals of this three and a half year old group, now supported by 72 organizations.

MECLI has working chapters in Nassau and Suffolk counties. Nassau Chapter, P.O. Box 574, Merrick L.I. 11566; Suffolk Chapter, P.O. Box 33, Sayville, L.I. 11782.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH IS STRIPED BASS DAY AT THE AL REINFELDER MEMORIAL LECTURES

A three part program is to be presented by the Striped Bass Fund. It will be keynoted by Richard Boone, an accomplished sportfisherman as well as a renown TV and movie star.

Beginning at 10:00 a.m., the morning program will cover the problems and benefits of uniform regulation, salt water licenses, bag limits and size requirements. Representatives of government, the utility industry and scientists will give their views on possible regulation of sport and commercial striped bass fishing.

The Al Reinfelder Memorial Awards for Leadership and Action, on behalf of Striper fishermen and their fisheries, will be presented to congressmen Edwin B. Forsythe and Gerry E. Studds, whose activities in 1974 included protecting the interests of fishermen at Storm King and at Cape Hataras, and promotion of the 200 mile limit.

This year three awards will go the **Salt Water Sportsman** for communication service on behalf of the coastal fishermen and their quarry.

The afternoon will offer a "How-To" program, with experts Mark Sosin, Ronnie Leper, Lou Tabory, Bill Cramer and Ben Florence demonstrating their techniques, from fly and plug fishing for stripers, to trolling tubes and spoons.

The Striped Bass Fund invites fishermen to the Second Annual Al Reinfelder Memorial Lectures at the College of Mount Saint Vincent, Cardinal Hayes auditorium, Riverdale Avenue & 263rd Street, Bronx, New York.

A $5.00, tax deductible, contribution includes registration for the entire program and a 1975 contributing sponsorship of the fund.

Doors will open for registration at 9:30 a.m. The program will begin at 10:00 a.m. and for those wishing to avoid delays, pre-registration can be obtained with a contibution of $5.00 to the Striped Bass Fund, Box 501, Babylon, New York 11702. Pre-registration sponsorships must be received by November 26, 1974.

POLITICAL FINAGLING DELAYS FISHERY PROTECTION

Despite the total lack of success of the Law of the Sea Conference held in Caracas, Venezuela this past summer, the administration and some Congressmen continue to play politics with the issue of protecting America's rapidly diminishing marine resources. Protection of these resources would be provided under Senate Bill S.1988 and House Bill HR8665, both of which would extend U.S. fisheries jurisdiction to 200 miles on an interim basis, pending any future results of the Law of the Sea Conference.

S.1988 was favorably reported by the Senate Commerce Committee on a voice vote after the failure of this year's Law of the Sea Conference became evident. The bill was then reported to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, dominated by Senators subservient to the State Department. Though reported out of that committee by an unfavorable 9-8 margin, it still appeared that the bill would come up before the full Senate, for what was expected to be a favorable vote, by mid-October. At this point, the administration rolled out its big guns as both the State and Defense Departments tried to kill the legislation.

Top level State Department bureaucrats collared liberal Senators, urging them to hold up the legislation in order not to upset "detante" and other foreign policy objectives. Generals and Admirals banged on the doors of conservative Senators, asking them to vote against S.1988 for "defense" considerations.

This intense and almost unprecedented lobbying effort by the administration resulted in referral of the legislation to the Senate Armed Services Committee which must report it out by November 22—conveniently, after the election! Conservationists still hope to get a vote on S.1988 during the post-election session of Congress, but this will require a great outcry on the part of the American public. Many Senators would rather bury S.1988 quietly, rather than having to be recorded as voting against such crucial conservation legislation.

The House Bill, HR8665, now has 169 co-sponsors, but is still tied up

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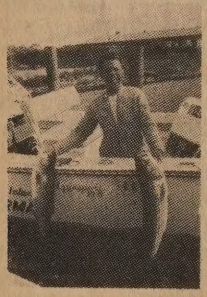

ABOUT THE COVER: L.I.F. Publisher Rich Reina hams it up as he hefts a 15 pound bluefish and 25 pound bass he caught. Both fish were taken on diamond jigs in the Pollack Rip at Montauk from The Long Island Fisherman's Aquasport 19-6.

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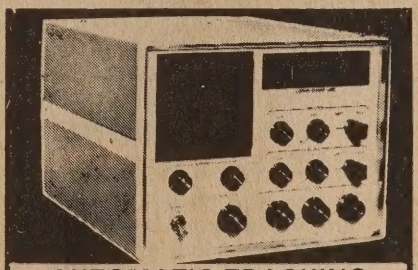

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I am a subscriber to the L.I.F. and have been reading some letters written to your magazine from other readers who, for one reason or another, are unhappy with their experiences on some of the party boats. Most of their complaints were due to unclean boats, unfriendly and greedy crews, and captains that did not try hard enough for fish.

I also have had some bad experiences with boats, but now I would like to share with other readers the wonderful experinces I have been having with Captain Clem's "Commodore" out of Island Park. If other readers are interested, Capt. Clem carries an ad in the L.I.F. with all the information they would need.

I have been patronizing the Commodore now for about one year and have been experiencing some of the most enjoyable and successful fishing trips I have ever had. For one thing, there is ample free parking which makes things easier for the fisherman. The boat is kept very clean and in top condition and the captain and his mates are the most friendly and helpful people I have ever come across.

The people that patronize the boat are also very nice and helpful, and they have good manners, which allows me to take my girlfriend along without worrying about her being embarassed by bad language.

The captain is a hard-working man and tries very hard to get fish for his fares. He is almost always successful. This past season I have had excellent catches of fluke and flounders. At the end of the day there are tables on the dock available to all for cleaning their fish, and there are hoses with fresh water near the tables. There is a clean bathroom on the dock with hot water and soap so everyone can clean up before the ride home, and a complete tackle and bait shop on the premises to purchase whatever is needed for a successful day of fishing.

In conclusion, I must say I honestly have found the Commodore to be a very well-run boat, with a combination of all the things that make for a very wonderful and successful fishing trip. I sincerely hope you print this letter so everyone can benefit from my experiences on this fine boat. **Robert L. Amoroso, Bronx.**

Okay. Our pleasure to print something good. But not too often...our reputation, you understand....G.V.

NO WEIGHT FORMULA FOR BASS

I caught a bass 40 in. long and 21½ in. in girth, but was unable to weigh it.

I have long heard that there is an approximate formula for determining the weight of a striped bass if one knows the length and girth.

Do you know of this formula? **Walter Glazer, New Hyde Park.**

The formulas that utilize length-girth figures are only accurate in a general way and wouldn't be to much use in determining weights with only a small margin of error such as a few percent.

The following table was taken from studies made some years ago by the University of Maryland. It relates weight of bass to their sex and length and accordingly, your fish weighed anywhere from 3½ lb. to possibly as much as 5½-6 lb. My own guess is that an average fish of this length would weigh about 4 or 4½ lb. Wouldn't it be simpler and more accurate to carry a spring scale that is occasionally recalibrated?

Incidentally, most bass over 15 lb. and all over 25 lb. are females, thus the name "cows" for bass in the upper weight ranges. "Bulls" may signify brute masculine power, but unless you normally call females "bulls," it is actually incorrect when applied to large bass.

STRIPED BASS
Age & Weight of Male vs. Female

AGE (Yr.)	LENGTH		WEIGHT	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
1	5"	5"	Under 1 lb.	
2	12"	12"	Under 1 lb.	
3	17"	18"	1 lb. 10 oz.	2 lb.
4	18"	20"	2 lb. 8 oz.	3 lb. 10 oz.
5	21"	23"	3 lb. 9 oz.	6 lb. 7 oz.
6	25"	27"	6 lb. 3 oz.	9 lb. 15 oz.
7	28"	29"	10 lb. 13 oz.	14 lb. 3 oz.
8	29"	31"	13 lb. 10 oz.	18 lb.
9	32"	34"	18 lb. 7 oz.	23 lb. 15 oz.
10	34"	36"	22 lb. 3 oz.	28 lb. 2 oz.
11	36"	37"	25 lb. 5 oz.	31 lb. 4 oz.
12	--	40"	-- --	37 lb. 8 oz.
13	--	41"	-- --	37 lb. 8 oz.
14	--	42"	-- --	49 lb. 6 oz.

CLUB NEWS

HUNTINGTON ANGLERS CLUB

On the weekend of 11/2-11/3, six members of the Huntington Anglers' Club went to Montauk and fished on Capt. Stan Fay's Sea Hunter III, morning trip, and caught 17 striped bass and four benes. The largest bass of 16 lbs. was caught by Lon McDonald.

A 12½ lb. blue was caught by John Kulju. Others on the trip were Andy Knoph, Phil Beck, Stan Drozd, and Dan Marro. Dan is Corresponding Secretary of the club and passes along club news to LIF. The fish were taken jigging bucktails with pork rind.

TWO SURFMEN SEEK CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Al Messer of Lindenhurst and Bob Osborne of Deer Park are seeking membership with a surf-fishing club in this area. Clubs please call TU-4-2027 or MO-7-7048.

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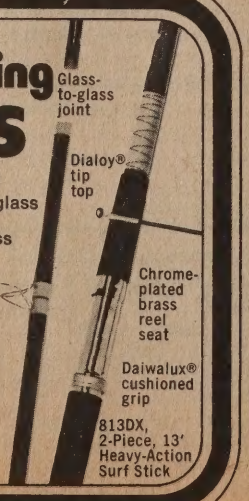
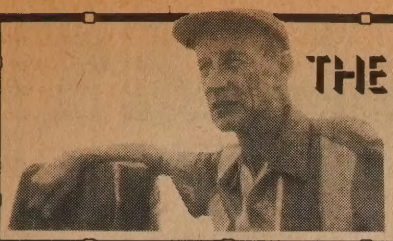




THE BOTTOM LINE

with Matt Ahern

TO CATCH A COD

Part One

Over the years, many fishermen have come to the conclusion that it's not only the striper fishermen who have exclusive rights to the name "fanatic". There are multitudes of fishermen who go into that well-known, glazed-eye stupor at the mere mention of weakfish, and no doubt there are just as many mesmerized by the blue, fluke, flounder and various other fish.

Into this group must fall the winter codfishermen. As far as these sinker bouncers are concerned, few fish can match the cod for sheer exhilarating sport, and to them the cod has no peer.

And it must be admitted, "old whiskers" has a special place in my fishing heart. Over the years, because of the cod, I have endured much foolishness and many snide remarks from my non-fishing friends; all this directed toward my apparent mental condition.

Why, they ask, would anyone in his right mind chuck the comforts of a warm home to go out on the winter ocean, perhaps to get tossed about on a cold, angry sea just to catch a fish? Alas, explaining is a waste of breath, for only a brother codfisherman would understand.

Let the first cold breath of a north-wester in late October or early November whistle across Long Island and I'm accused by those who know me well as having the same vacant stare shared by hundreds of other cold weather fishermen. To fishermen such as me, the cod is it.

The main reason being there are few bottom fish that can provide the fisherman with size, availability, and ease of catching as the cod. And the powers that be worked it out very nicely, for just when the approaching chill of winter has applied the brakes of most local fishing, along comes "old whiskers" to liven that same winter scene.

Certainly, flounders and blackfish are available for those wanting them, but as the cold season takes hold in earnest, fewer and fewer of these fish are caught. And what flounder or blackfish can ever quicken the pulse as will the thought of hooking a thirty or forty pound cod?

The beginner who is serious about catching cod can do nothing better to learn the fundamentals of the game than to plan a trip or two aboard a party boat, or to somehow make arrangements to get in on a charter trip. This is where, by paying strict attention to the methods employed, he will soon attain the skills necessary to have swinging aboard his share of cod; he'll quickly become an expert, confident codfisherman.

As with all fishing, basic knowledge is essential. The more the fisherman knows about the skills necessary to take the fish he seeks, the sooner will success be his. There are many things important to codfishing, of course, but first is the selection of proper tackle.

There are probably more spinning outfits in use today than any other type. They are excellent, do their job well, and their ease of handling has probably been responsible for more fishermen joining the ranks than any other single item in the past twenty-five years. But if you want cod, this is not the tackle to use: no spinning outfit is made for the conditions encountered when cod-fishing.

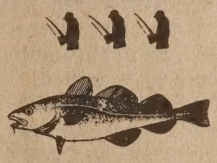
Your rod should have a generous amount of backbone, which means backbone enough to sink a hook into the leather-like jaw of a cod in water which may at times be as much as a hundred feet deep. True, most codfishing is done in lesser depths as a rule, but your sinkers are going to be on the heavy side in order to combat the strong currents often encountered. This can only be done properly with a rod stiff enough to sink the hook under these conditions.

To do this, the rod need not be built along the lines of a two-by-four. There are many excellent rods available which are light and sturdy, yet have the right amount of stiffness to do the job properly. Check with your favorite tackle shop, or ask an experienced buddy to help in your selection.

The reel should match the rod and be of conventional revolving spool type, capable of holding at least 100 yards of 30 or 40 pound test monofilament. Be sure to get the best your pocket-book will allow.

The selection of a good reel is extremely important. Stay away from so-called "bargains"; this is surely no place to save a buck. The reel must have the power to winch to the surface any large cod you may encounter, a cod that may go 40 or more pounds. The average cod on a good day will run about six to ten pounds, but the fisherman never knows how large the next one will be. Codfishing is no place for a "Hong Kong Special".

There are many good reels on the market, reels that are a combination of perfect materials, precision machining, and flawless craftmanship. These will give you many years of satisfactory service. **Don't** settle for anything less. Why risk the bitterness of losing the fish of your dreams because your "bargain" reel gave up the ghost at a crucial moment. It just doesn't pay—especially when good reels are so reasonable.



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Surf Side

with Doc Muller

LEADERS & SHOCKERS

If none of us used leaders we would collectively get a lot more hits. Leaders are without doubt one of many factors which cause fish to shy off plugs. As a fish approaches in the final seconds of its attack, its senses are probably flooded with information. Leaders, snaps, swivels, hooks, lack of odor, or an unnatural twitch are perhaps some of the bits of negative information that a fish reacts to.

I'll stand behind the above statement because I've deliberately made the comparison by fishing with and without leaders many times.

When a surf fisherman uses some kind of a leader in quiet water he is relying on the "one stupid fish in the bunch" to find and hit his plug. White water is an asset because the fish gets only a quick look at the bait and must make an instant decision. If she's hungry and on a feed, the fish will probably elect to strike. Dark nights are an asset, too, and for the same reason. Of course a blitz overcomes the disadvantage of using a leader because the fish are packed "shoulder to shoulder" and are actively feeding.

When you're fishing for small fish it doesn't really matter whether you are using a leader or tie the lure directly because small fish tend to be a lot less wary and feed more often. The hunger of growing small fish overcomes the recognition of tiny imperfections in the bait. But big fish are lazy and fussy so they usually will not hit a lure unless its presentation is quite good. Here is where the skill of the fishermen comes into play. The good fisherman doesn't just reel in the plug, he concentrates and works the plug.

Bluefish present a special problem. One is almost obligated to use a leader because of their teeth and unpredictable behavior. When the bass and blues are mixed and fussy you have a genuine dilemma. I opt for a plug that's offered without a leader, and then I fully expect to loose a few lures.

On these occasions it's wise to remember that you have to hook a fish before you have a chance to land that fish!

Nonetheless, the surfmen who is after big bass on plugs had better give serious consideration to the use of a leader and/or shocker. Big bass have a lot of cunning little habits. They like to bury their heads among the rocks, snag the lure up and literally bend it and destroy it. Then too, their first run in rock-infested water is a real hazard to the tightly stretched line that connects the bass to the fisherman.

But the most common hazard results from the insistance of big bass to roll up your line. They start to roll immediately after striking and may make as many as twenty turns before they quit; the fish may wind up with many feet of line wrapped around their bodies. Each and every turn scraps the line over sharp gill covers, scales, and spines. Invariably, but not always, the fish will unravel at a latter stage in the struggle, thus subjecting the line to the same stresses a second time. Big bass require not only a leader, but a shocker, too!

A shocker is a long (10-20 or more feet) length of monofilament that is heavier than the spool line and joined to it by a blood knot. The shocker serves several functions. First, as the name implies, it cushions the shock of casting lures, This is particularly important when you're casting big plugs and tins (3-5 ounces). Second, the heavier monofilament can act as a buffer against roiling fish. Third, in heavy water, especially it there are a lot of rocks around or when conditions make gaffing difficult, the angler can snub-up the drag once a few turns of the shocker are on the spool. The tightened drag will inhibit a tired fish from running in the wash and give the surfman enough time to gaff his fish.

I use three different set-ups, depending upon conditions and the spot that I'm fishing.

Whenever possible I like to use line of the finest diameter in order to get the maximum casting distance and have the most sport out of the fish. In quiet water I'll use a thin line testing out between 10 and 15 pounds. The rod will be between 7 and 10 feet, and the reel of intermediate size. (Penn 710, Mitchel 306, Zebco Cardinal 7). The shocker should be 12 to 15 feet long and about 20 pound test. If a heavy shocker is selected it will be difficult to get a good knot because of the severe differences in line diameters. With this combo use no leader unless bluefish are around.

In big water off sand beaches I use line of 20 pound test, a 10 to 12 foot rod, and a heavy reel (Penn 704, Crack 300, Mitchell 486, Shakespeare 2091A). The shocker should be between 13 and 20 feet and I do not use a leader here either, since the shocker will be of 30 or 40 pound test strength. If bluefish begin hitting the plugs, a short length of wire is sufficient to tame their teeth.

The third situation requires a leader. Under the Montauk Light, in rock piles, and off jetties a leader of 60 pound test will allow you to drag the line across a rock or two before it frays and parts. The big water set-up is good with the exception that an 18 inch leader is added.

The leader should have an appropriate barrel swivel on the shocker end and a Duo-Loc snap on the terminal end. The length of the leader is a matter of personal preference, but I prefer 18 inches while some guys use up to 30-inch leaders.

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Holey Waders

by Don Millus

Fishermen are a strange breed of men. The Bible and Koran only reflect the attitudes of other men who have always treated the angler with a combination of wonder and sympathy. Even among those who fish not to earn their livelihood, as the apostles did, but as a means of escaping the stress of everyday business, a special reverence is reserved for the man who dons a pair of rubber or canvas waders to enter the cold waters of stream, river, or surf in the pursuit of trout, salmon, or striped bass. His is a mild and familiar madness.

Danger and discomfort are the companions of this man apart. His burdens, once away from family and society, range from the shock of a cold wave splashing over the top of his chest-high waders to the peril of stepping off into an unswimmable hole in a rapidly moving river. Fishless nights, cold dawns, leaky waders in the chill of early spring or late fall—all are only parts of his penitential regime. But why have I or any angler put up with it all? Could there be a certain mystique to the calling, perhaps even in the garments of office of surfcaster or trout fisherman, perhaps something—dare I say it?—in the waders themselves?

But perhaps, after all, it only goes back to childhood and mother telling us not to splash through rain puddles. I'm sure such is the motivation for most other fishermen who have ever waded out to join me when I was casting from a sandbar at night to some very spooky striped bass. The way those anglers splashed on the way out and raised a commotion, I'm sure they were reacting against some pent-up frustration of their youth. But that still doesn't explain the attraction of this calling. Why do we do it, fellow waders? What makes us the only true believers?

Some try to rationalize it, saying that those waders keep us from coming down with pneumonia on the October nights when a cold front whips through New England and the striped bass are still out there in the waves, or on those first days of spring when trout or shad draw us hip deep into the frigid streams and rivers of this part of the world. But why did I first cast envious eyes on those grizzled veterans with their long bamboo surf rods, canvas lure bags, and reels filled with linen line as they donned their waders in the parking lots of Long Island's Jones Beach? Was it that aura of the mysterious in the ritual of vesting, or something even more primitive and ritualistic about strapping that belt with knife and gaff about their waists? Whatever it was, some unseen force was guiding me in that direction. Other young men were influenced by the scents of perfume or incense or lucre. As I reflect upon my past life I begin to see the light: I was seduced by canvas and rubber.

Don't tell me that we steer our own ship of fate. Why else would I have wandered into Sears Roebuck that day, almost two decades ago, with ten dollars in my wallet that had been saved for a big high school hop? What but some overseeing power could have directed me to an isolated box with a pair of large-sized Hodgman chest

waders in it, a box that had apparently been opened before and that bore the sacred inscription "$6.95". What numerologist would not hunch over those numbers in delight? Grace abounding! The conversation was instant. I accepted the call. Over to the counterman. "Sir, how much are those waders?"

The moment seemed to stretch into an eternity. Is it only my clouded memory or did he have a faintly middle-eastern look to him, almost, yes, like one of the prophets. "Six-ninety-five, kid, just like it says on the box." I knew he had to be feigning that note of annoyance, part of the ritual test for the novice. I entered into the spirit of the liturgy, hesitating, looking up, and then into my wallet before saying my vows. My lips almost trembled: "I'll take them."

Even when the man had reverently wrapped the sacred object I was still in fear and trembling. Almost too quickly I had the waders and my sales receipt, too. I nearly left the change as a votive offering—that was in the days before six and one-half per cent was added tc the price of each item. I headed for the exit, still expecting a gong to sound and someone to chant solemnly, "come back, those waders are worth two more pieces of gold." But the guiding spirits were with me. Fear not, they seemed to whisper, you did ask the man if that was the right price. Mysterious are the ways...

The miracle was confirmed when I returned home. Leaving mother, father, and brethren, I secluded myself. The protective coating of—what is it? chalk dust? incense?—was still there. I donned the sacred garment for the first time and stepped into the holy font. Fortunately, the bath-tub did not overflow. The waders were intact. I knelt, thinking in thanks. No water entered. They were perfect. I climbed out of the tub and gently dried the uniform of my new calling.

My full initiation took place early in the morning of a clear spring day. I had risen before the sun and made my way to the water, alone, as is fitting at such a time. Into the Atlantic surf I waded, protected fom cold and wet. I began casting to the lordly striped bass, but my efforts were not so easily to be rewarded. My mind was not on my fishing, my heart was not pure. Because I took so much pride in the external trappings of my trade, those seemingly all-powerful waders, I twice forgot to open the bail of my spinning reel and two brand new $1.59 lures went sailing over the seas with a loud crack. Since then inflation has increased the penalty for such sins of omission. But imperfect novice or not, I had been converted to pursuing my water-dwelling quarry from the edges of his habitat with my legs and torso encased in the combined product of man and nature.

It was only after several years that the unique magic of that first pair of waders became effective. Bigger and bigger bluefish and stripers fell prey to my lures, but always with that special garment swathing my legs. The perspiration induced by such coverings on warm days was a sacrifice willingly endured. When I traveled the waders went into my suitcase and the rest of my needs received proportionately shorter shrift. The bulk and weight of that symbolic covering were hardly noticeable to me in my fervor.

SURF'S UP: Mecox to Shinnecock

by Frank Durso

When I first entered College a few years ago I had never caught a fish from the surf. Having heard a great deal about the plentiful harvest raked in by local sharpshooters, I decided to give it a try during fall of my second year.

That year was pretty good for bass and bluefish and I learned a great deal. The fishermen in this stretch of area are very friendly and are willing to teach a young newcomer the ropes. From then on, if he uses common sense and has a good deal of time, he will eventually score.

The waters in this area don't hold the fish as well as Ditch Plains or North Bar in Montauk. The waters aren't even as productive as the Cedar Beach area. Southampton beaches are mostly long and sandy. There are virtually no rocks or pilings to hold bait. Therefore, to be a successful fisherman here you must learn the beaches.

My favorite stretch is the Mecox Beach area; every year the fishing seems to get better and better. Last October around Halloween, as I was making my routine patrol of the beaches, I noticed a heavy, sweet smell in the air. Big horse bluefish were chopping into bunker so close to the beach that pieces of fish were strewn all over the sand. Birds were all over the place and only one fisherman was there. That day I caught and released seventeen jumbo bluefish, from nine to 12 pounds. The fishing was so terrific that if one fish was lost, another would take its place immediately.

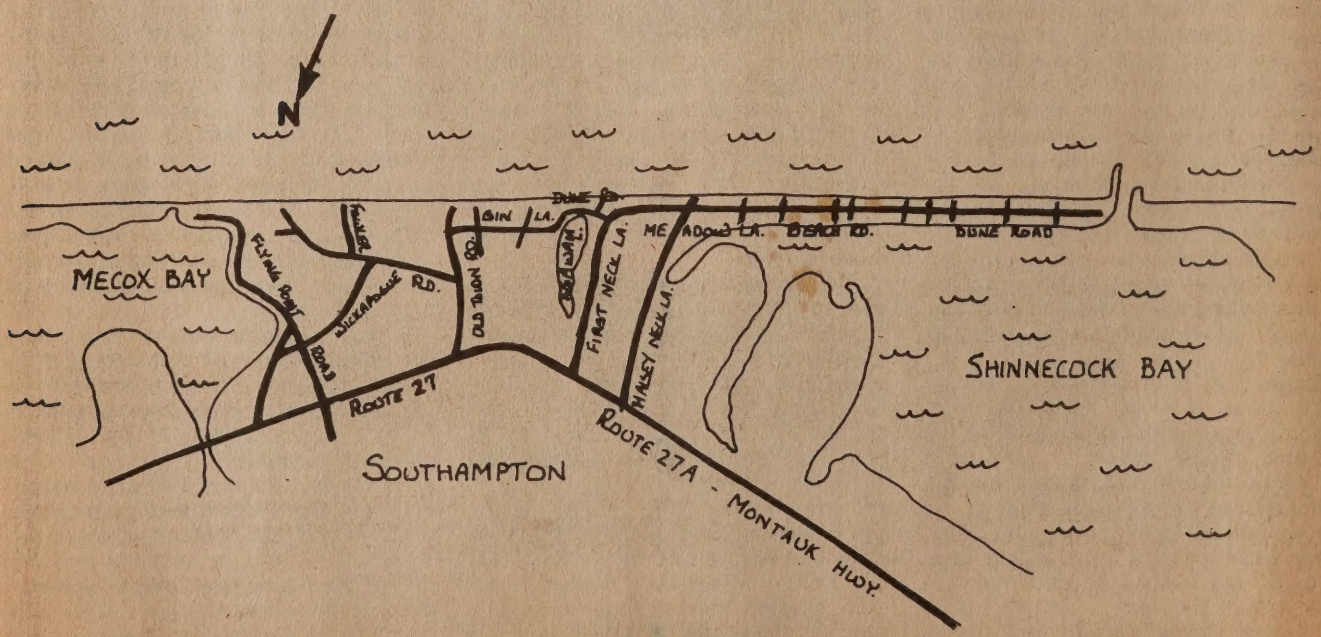
This fall, just a couple of weeks ago, jumbo weaks and blues came ashore together and the fishermen had a party.

The Mecox area has two main beaches where one can enter the beach with a buggy, or park his car and walk if he wishes. My preference is the second beach. One thing to watch here is for the opening of Mecox Inlet: every few weeks the Inlet to Mecox Bay has to be opened. Mecox is a small bay composed of brackfish water. The outlet of the bay is always closed except at certain times of the year when a digging crew reopens it. Out of the bay streams myriad fry mullet, white perch, snappers and weakfish. Big bass and blues are there waiting for this happening. It's as if someone put up a sign—"free feed at Mecox"—and, boy, do they come!

Moving west, the first beach in order is Fowler's, about one mile from Mecox. Then, driving down Dune Road you'll pass many small beaches, all excellent and not crowded (ideal for the neophyte beach fisherman). Countless times I fished these beaches blind and scored. New sand bars are always being made by the waves and tide, and with these also, new holes where game fish congregate. All these beaches mentioned are easily reached by the walking fisherman. The beach is less than one block from the parking area. One note of caution: Do not park your car on Dune Road as it will be towed or ticketed by Southhampton Township police.

Fishing west of Halsey Neck Road can be tough for the fisherman without transportation. There is only one parking area about halfway to the jetty. This small area is really a side road leading to a couple of houses. This stretch of beach is another favorite spot of mine for it is here that I caught my largest bass, surf casting.

The bass was a 15 pound cow, not



very big, but I was sure proud when I took it home to show my father. That fish meant more to me than any bass or blue I caught wire-lining in Montauk or in the Sound. That day I was alone on the windswept beach with the southwest wind blowing so hard that it was impossible to cast anything but tin. Because of this I fished with a Hopkins Shorty that day. On about the second or third cast I hooked the bass. It gave a valiant fight before succumbing to the tide and the surf rod.

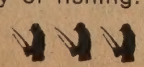
The area beyond this point is very rough for the walker. Dune Road changes from macadam to dirt which at times is completely under water. The fishing area is also a good distance from the road, and the walk back becomes a long trek after a hard day's fishing; more so if you've been successful.

The best times to fish are, of course, during the days when a south wind prevails. It is at these times that bait is pushed toward the beach. I've also found out that fishing perks up before a violent storm, such a hurricane. The waters here get pretty sandy and muddy during a storm, so it is best to stay at home right after the turbulence. If you must fish at this time use top water plugs or, better yet, live bait.

An abrupt change of wind can also bring a heavy blitz. The change from a south wind to a north wind can be extremely beneficial. Many times tis will calm the ocean down except for a small stretch of white water near the beach. The trick to fish this kind of water is to use light tackle and a small Redfin or Rebel. The bass seem to stay right in the suds, 20 to 50 feet from the beach. Cast your lure, get the right angle, and retrieve slowly through the white water. Another good lure fishing this type of ocean is a large bucktail. When fishing a bucktail in the ocean, as anywhere else, retreive it very slowly with an occasional jerk.

Best times to fish this area are at early morning and at dusk. The first two hours of the incoming tide and the last two hours of the outgoing tide are best. Fishing at night with live eels can be rewarding, but if you don't have the patience or the time, shy away from this type of fishing as both are sorely needed.

The rest of October and November are best for fishing the beach. So why not try surf casting for a change? I think you'll find it a refreshing, if not a relaxing way of fishing.



LEADERS & SHOCKERS

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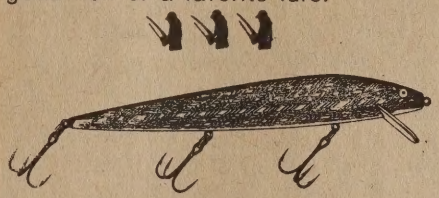
The fisherman should have a half dozen leaders for an evening's fishing and keep the leaders around his neck under the outer clothing for easy access. The leader should be checked after every fish and changed after several fish or when needed. Rigorous surf conditions, such as those that usually exist under the Light, require that you change the leader frequently—even if no fish have been caught.

Great care should be taken to set-up the leaders and shockers, so don't neglect the knots. Make sure that each and every knot is as perfect as you can get it. Poor knots have a low breaking point and pull out easily. The same care should be taken when you're tying knots on the beach. Take the time to do it right and you may save a good fish or a favorite lure.



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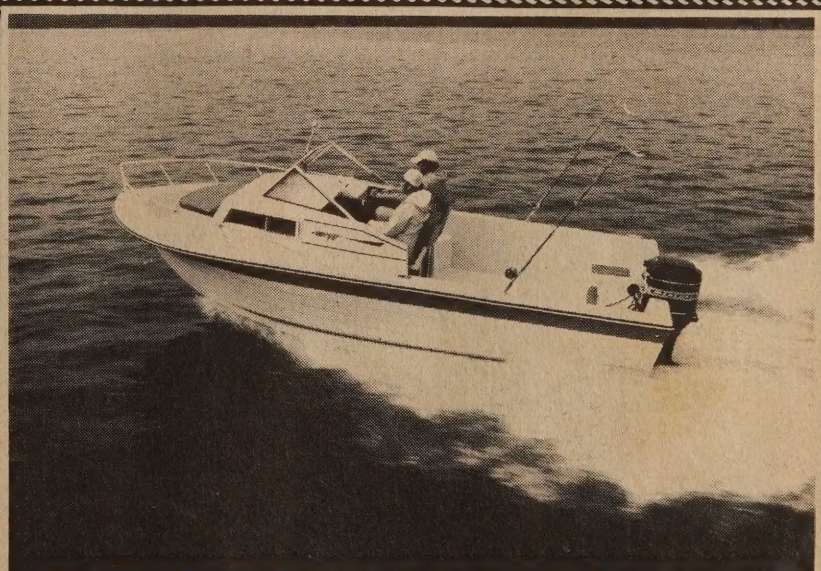

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Surf Fishing Surprises

by Vlad Evanoff

Big sting rays are caught from time to time, but most surfmen would rather not bother, though they can give a long, hard fight.

Sharks are often caught in the surf. But beware when beaching—they are extremely dangerous!

There was that surf angler who was casting a big plug for striped bass from Plum Island up in Massachusetts. He got a terrific hit and his line peeled off his reel faster than any striper he had ever hooked. He fought the fish for a long time and finally beached it. It was a tuna which later weighed 180 pounds!

I have heard of other surf anglers hooking school tuna while fishing from the longer breakwaters. I never hooked a school tuna from the beach, but one August I did hook a false albacore, which is often called the "little tuna." And believe me, that albacore fought as hard as any school tuna I ever caught from a boat.

I was casting a metal squid from one of the short jetties at Far Rockaway near the mouth of the inlet. Suddenly a school of albacore rushed into the shallow water between the jetties to chase small snapper blues. I actually had to turn around toward shore to make a cast into the boiling water which they churned up. One of the fish grabbed my tin squid and tore out of the shallow water toward deeper water in the inlet and headed out to sea. The line on the conventional reel I was using peeled off fast, even against the fairly heavy drag. When it was two-thirds gone, the fish slowed down, then stopped, and I started to pump him back. He took off again, but this run was shorter. He made a few more attempts at freedom, then I finally worked him up to the rocks. I climbed off the jetty and beached him on the sand. It was a beautiful false albacore which hit 14 pounds on the scale.

Other surf anglers have caught false albacore and even common bonito from the beaches and jetties. Up our way, they usually appear in August or September. Farther south, at Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, they are caught more often, and there late summer and fall months are best.

Both false albacore and bonito are hooked when they are actually chasing baitfish and kicking up the water. Then metal squids, Hopkins lures, or similar metal is cast into them and retrieved very fast to bring strikes. But they are not easy to fool, being both lure-and leader-shy to an extreme.

Another surf angler I knew was fishing for striped bass at night up in Rhode Island. He hooked and landed a

striped bass which went about 25 pounds. Then he cast out again and hooked another fish. While he was playing it he felt the fish stop, then a hard pull. He kept on reeling, but felt only a dead weight. When he got it up to the rocks he saw it was just the head part of a striped bass about the same size as he had caught. There was a semi-circular cut just behind the head. Evidentially a big shark had bitten the body from the head in one bite.

Many other surf anglers have had similar experiences with sharks biting off their fish. Or they hooked the shark when he went after a lure or bait. Sharks often hit rigged or live eels being fished for bass, and many are caught when fishing on the bottom with bait. Here again, sharks are more common in southern waters; they can be a pest in North Carolins when fishing for channel bass or other fish.

Some surf anglers like to fish for sharks from a beach and, if you have the right tackle and rigs and baits, you can catch some good-sized ones. Although sharks can be caught on heavy spinning tackle, your best bet is conventional surf rods, reels and heavy lines if you want to shorten the fight and bring them through the surf. Lines testing from 30 to 60 pounds are best with such surf outfits. Some anglers even use trolling or big-game rods with 4/0 to 6/0 reels filled with even heavier lines. Of course, you can't cast with such outfits, and the best procedure is to let the bait out in an inlet or from a pier with a cork, plastic or balloon float.

But you can cast for them from a beach with heavy surf tackle, and even land a few if you use a long wire leader at least eight or ten feet in length. Such long leaders are difficult to cast with a bait on the end, unless you coil them and tie them with weak cord or tape.

The best shark fishing in our waters takes place during the summer and early fall months. Look for them around inlets, in deep sloughs or troughs and holes at high tide and near the ends of jetties and along the sides of long breakwaters.

Sharks will take many kinds of fish bait, with such oily species as bunker, mackerel, bonito and tuna best. Another good bait is a live eel on a bottom rig. These baits should be used on big 8/0, 9/0 and 10/0 hooks.

The secret in fighting sharks is to not let them rest, but keep them moving at all times so that they tire and can be brought in. You'll have the most trouble right in the breakers, where the backwash puts the biggest strain on your line and rod. A long-handled gaff will help, but care

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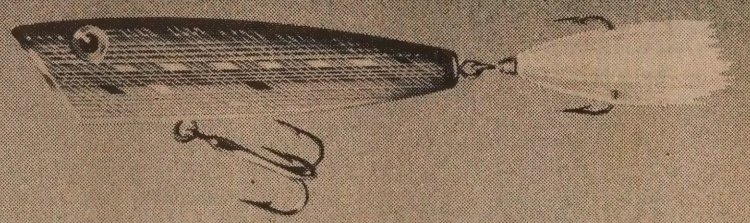

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Fall Flounder in Great South Bay

by J.L. DiMaio

As we eased out of the canal emptying into the Great South Bay, a gentle mist that hugged the water surface began to elevate and dissipated into the atmosphere. Our craft was nosed into the mild swells created by a steady southwest wind and pointed toward the Amityville cut, a short trip from our Copaigue canal. Once in the cut, we located a familiar narrow stretch of water situated between two islands, negotiated the sand bar which separates the cut from this sheltered cove and entered "Flounder Alley."

We dropped the hook and backed down over a hole that is twelve feet deep. Immediately I began to crack open a bag of mussels and toss them uptide, away from the stationary boat. Simultaneously, my partner, flounder sharpie Rich Bessemer, sleeved a piece of worm on each of two hooks and lowered them gently to the bottom.

The air was raw this October morning, and even though the sun was full in the clear eastern sky, a heavy layer of outer clothing was necessary to maintain body warmth. I had now shucked and chucked about a half-dozen mussels and was about to bait my hook when that familiar smile curled Richie's face. Slowly and steadily he elevated his rod until it was shoulder high, then, with a slight snapping jerk, his rod began to dance furiously. The light rod arced from our boat to the water; and suddenly the battle was over. Richie had boated the first fall flounder of the day. This one pound fish was typical of the flounder that would be boated during the fall run.

The fall flounder, generally, is a bit larger and thicker than his spring counterpart. When the waters begin to cool, normally about mid-September, the flounder begins his invasion of inshore waters, occupying his favorite holes in the bays, inlets, channels and canals. Fishing for flounder early in their run will produce a thoroughly mixed bag consisting of kingfish, blowfish, sea bass, porgy and an occasional eel. As the waters cool and the season wanes, these intruders on flounder grounds will depart, leaving as the sole occupant of his domain, the fall flounder.

Flounder fishing is one of the most underrated forms of angling from the viewpoint of excitement and challenge. Although snubbed by many sportfishermen as a true sportfish, the flounder can provide both an interesting and challenging day of fishing for both the beginning and seasoned fisherman. The tackle and the technique are the important aspects of exciting fish, not necessarily the size of the fish.

Tackle for flounder fishing should be extremely light. A six foot freshwater spinning rod and a small spinning reel loaded with six pound test is quite sufficient for Great South Bay flatties. Terminal tackle should be equally light: a large snap swivel, a one ounce sinker and a pair of hooks tied in any acceptable tandem fashion will be all that is necessary to aid you in your quest for a bucketful of fish.

Rigging is simple: affix the snap swivel to the terminal and of the line and put on the sinker. As for hooks, I prefer small ones such as #10 Chestertowns. Taking one hook, bend the leader in half so that the loop of the hook is touching the barb. Now taking another hook, place the loop of that hook over the V created at the bend in the leader of the first hook. Pass the bend, shank and leader of the second hook through the loop and the V and pull tight. Tie an overhand knot to secure the hooks in position and the tandem is complete.

Now tie a two-inch loop about two inches from the sinker, using a double overhand knot. Shove the loop through the hook eye and bring the end over the hook and pull tight. All that remains now is to bait your hook and dunk your rig in a stretch of water holding flounders.

Being a traditionalist I recommend the use of bloodworms for Great South Bay flounders. But by no means are bloodworms the only bait to use. Preference as to bait varies among flounder fishermen, some claiming red dyed clams will outfish all baits, while others say mussel or sandworms are best; close friend of mine swears by fresh shrimp. Whatever bait you use, cut small pieces because the flounder has a small mouth. If using bloodworms, cut the worm into one-inch pieces. Place the point of the hook in one end of the piece of cut worm and slide the remainder over the hook point until the point is showing at the other end of the worm. This procedure, the sleeving of a worm, will make it difficult for a flounder to "suck" off the bait without being hooked.

Setting the hook in a flounder is a very simple task. Lift the rod upwards gently, and when you encounter a few steady throbbing taps, use a slight, snappy jerking motion to set the hook. A tandem rig, such as the one described above, provides the angler with the opportunity to hook two fish at once, which many times will be the case.

Before commenting on selecting prime flounder water the use of chum should be mentioned. The reason I haven't attached greater importance to this aspect of flounder fishing is because it is not always necessary to use chum to catch flounder. Many flounder fishermen are drydockers, casting from jetties, docks, beaches and bulkheads where the use of chum

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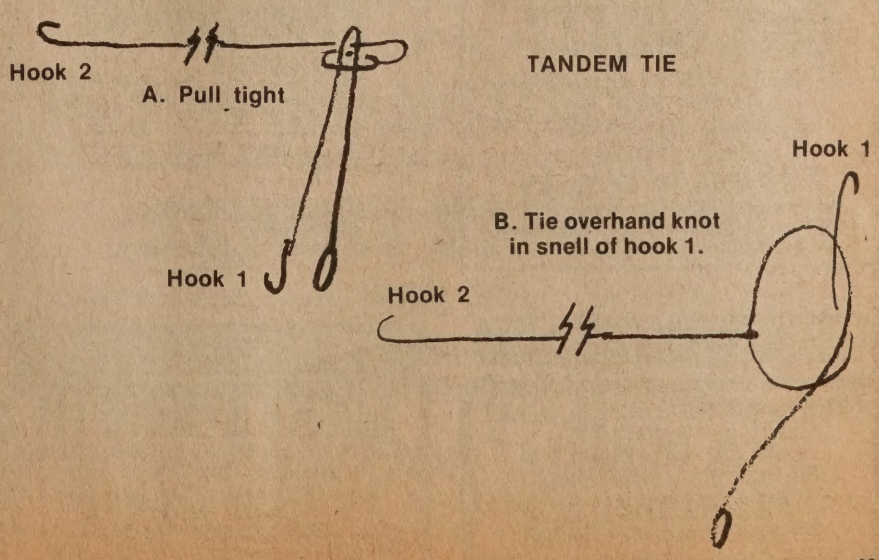

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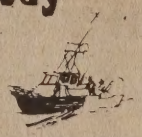
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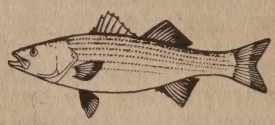

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Capt. Paul Sunberg of the charter-boat **Montauk** said that the striped bass fishing is holding up well and should continue. Boats averaged 25 to 40 mixed bass and bluefish on Saturday for a half day trip. Sunday's catches were down somewhat due to the rough sea conditions and murky water. The fish are much larger school fish now, with the bulk of the bass 4 to 12 lbs. Fish are hitting at Shagwong, North Rip and Midway thru all tides. Jigged lures are now outproducing tubes. A few lunkers are around. The water is still very warm so the larger fish still haven't moved down in mass. Fishing is great but there is a lack of fishermen.

Buddy Dorman of the **Viking Skipper** reports his customers are now jigging a mixed bag of bass, blues and cod. 8-year-old Walter Gurgyznski of Sunnyside jigged one bass, one 35 lb. cod and eight monster bluefish 8 to 14 lbs. This fishing is done with diamond jigs only, no bait.

Jimmy Mulhern of the **Viking Star** said that it's been very good fishing, for blackfish to 8 lbs., large porgies and cod at the Block Island area and Southwest Ledge. Tony K. of Wading River had 23 mixed fish. Skimmer clams and conch for bait to discourage the bergalls.

Capt. Lester Behan of the **Peconic Queen II** said that he has been fishing wrecks and inshore Block Island in 40 feet of water to avoid the dogfish. Friday was washed out due to high winds and Saturday saw few fish but they were all big. Nine cod over 25 lbs. were taken, including a 36 pounder taken by John Usaitis of Astoria that took the $150 pool. Sunday was very

Tom Donahue holds the 4 lb. 2 oz. humpback porgy he took at Great Eastern Rock at Montauk on November 1st.

good with cod, seabass and huge bluefish to 23 pounds coming over the rail. Porgies are about gone. Anglers are now getting a full 7 hours fishing time in. The Andrea Doria trip this weekend quickly filled up with about 150 others left out in the cold. Capt. Behan is sorry, but plans on running another trip soon. Watch his ad.

PROMISED LAND

Promised Land Fishing Station reports a decent pick of flounders. Fishing the incoming tide at the bell buoy off Goff Point is good. Skimmer clams as bait works well.

SHINNECOCK

Hank at **Altenkirch Tackle** wasn't enthusiastic about the striped bass fishing from the beach. The bass are small now but were up to 30 lbs. early in the week. Trolling just off the beach was much more productive. Umbrella rigs with red, white or purple tubes were producing well. Outgoing water is the better tide. Sand eels are the bait in the water now.

Flounder up to 1 or 1½ lbs. are being caught off the Greenlawn in Shinnecock Bay. Worms or red dyed clams are the bait with clam or scallop guts chumming producing better catches.

HAMPTON BAYS

Tony's Fishing Station reports that one boat fished the Greenlawn area of Shinnecock Bay and came in with 50 flounders. Fishing otherwise has been spotty.

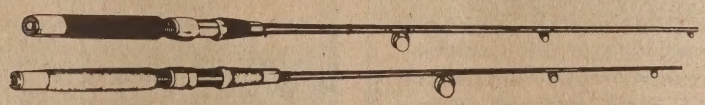
MORICHES BAY

Slow pick on the flounder over the weekend according to Alfred Lassen at **Hi-Way Fishing Station**. The storm during the week scattered the fish and they are all over the bay. Some boats came in with catches of 35 or 40 flounder. A few boats caught blackfish on the incoming tide at the jetty. These blacks took clam as bait.

Chet at **B & B Tackle** reports a 51 lb. bass was caught on a popper at the east jetty. This was taken in the late afternoon. Live eels fish at the inlet is also a consistent producer. Offshore in 40-50 feet of water tubes trolled on wire line was picking up bluefish and school bass while bucktails were taking weakfish. On Saturday the fish moved to the surface where umbrells rigs on mono was working well. There are loads of crabs in the channels. Using traps works best. Plenty of blackfish at the jetties and the fishing is steady through both tides. Fiddlers or green crabs are the bait.

Skidmore's Fishing Station said most boats are coming in with from 15 to 40 flounders per boat. The better fishermen using a combo bait of mussels on the hook with worms and also using the mussels for chum are doing much better. Try buoy 43 and 44 on the outgoing tide.

Pool winers aboard the Viking Star Saturday, Nov. 2nd: Frank Bodensky, rights, Lindenhurst, with a 47 lb. cod; Leo Benitez, center, Hudson Street, N.Y. with a 44 lb. white hake; James E. Ducatelli, left, New York, with a36 lb. pollack. These fish were caught on one of the Star's secret offshore wrecks. There were over 600 giant pollack and cod taken Saturday and Sunday, November 2 and 3.



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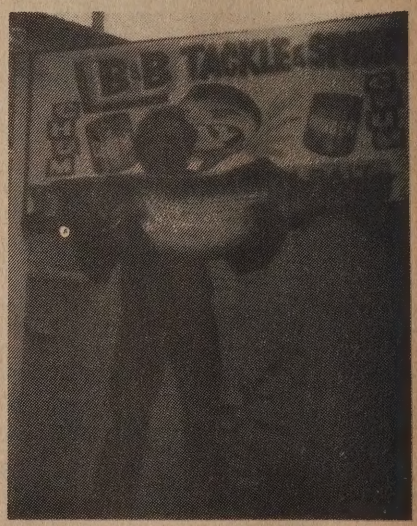

Tony Scaffedi took this huge 54 lb. striped bass from the surf on an Atom Swimmer and 20 lb. test Ande line. Photo courtesy of B&B Tackle.

Dick of **Dick's Tackle Box** tells us that flounder ½-1 lb. are strong in Moriches Bay on bloods and clam, a all tides. Bass are taking live eels a nite in the inlet on outgoing water Blacks at the inlet rocks on any moving water on fiddlers.

WEST SAYVILLE

Dudley Young at **Youngs Fishing station** reports great flounder fishing in the mouth of Brown's River. One super catch was by Steve and Jerry Davis, with 47 flounder, averaging 2 lbs. on red dyed clam on incoming

Jean & Ed Derrickson from Huntington Station with 55 flounders from ½-1¾ lb. caught on bloodworms with mussel chum North of buoy 27 in Moriches Bay. Photo courtesy of Tadsen's Fishing Station.

tide. Saturday and Sunday were both very productive days.

John Jr. at **J & R Sporting Goods,** Oakdale, report flounders ½-¾ lb. close to the shore off Heckshire on bloodworm and clam, and corn chum, high incoming water.

CAPTREE

Capt. George Roman of the **Captree Queen** reports only fair flounder in the bay and you have to hunt for them from Heckscher to Amityville. Fish are all good size with few throwbacks and are hitting thru all tides. Eight to 10 feet of water and bloodworms is best.

Capt. Scotty said that the cod season is off to a good start. Four and 5 fish 8 to 40 lbs. are being picked off the wrecks and the open bottom is beginning to produce. Fishing has been slow in the morning but picking up later in the day. Skimmer clams fished during the flood tide is producing best.

Pier fishing for flounder has been spotty said Noel Kapauff at Captree Bait Station. Most of the blacks have now moved out of the bay and are now offshore. Striped bass fishing along the beach has been mainly on live eels.

The **Capt. Litwin** reports good dlounder fising thru the weekend. Capt. Litwin will start cod fishing Saturdat, so go and fill the freezer, guys.

BABYLON

Good flounder fishing on the flats said Walter Schmidt of **Babylon Fishing Station**. These are not big fish but they are thick. Chumming or stirring up the bottom works well in bringing the fish to you. Walter mentioned there were schooly stripers being trolled on the east and west bars of the inlet. Trolling in the very early morning with bucktails with a porkrind is best.

Augies Bait & Tackle reports some boats going to 85-90 feet of water or picking up codfish up to 30 lbs. Closer in at the west bar on the inlet in the early morning or late afternoon school size striped bass to 10 lbs. were being taken on umbrella rigs with smaller tubes. The State Channel, Snakehill Channel, Fox's Creek and the old seaplane base at Babylon are all producing flounder. These fish are short and fat.

LINDENHURST

Charlie's Bait & Tackle reports loads of striped bass in Fire Island Inlet on trolled white umbrellas and white tubes. "The fall run has begun," says John. Fish are between 8-12 lbs. and

Joe Geiger of Little Neck and Dick Hendrix of College Point with 87 flounder they took on mussel and worm bait, chumming with mussel, in Seatuck Cove, Moriches Bay. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

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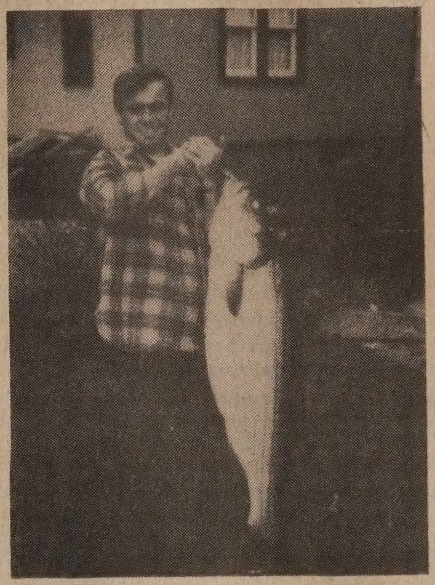


Pete King of Farmingdale proudly hefts the 51¾ lb. bass he took on a live eel from the surf at Parking Field #9 just before high water.

should be trolled from the bridge to the West bar. Good cod catches at the offshore reef on clam, any tide. Flounder fishing is "just so-so". Blacks on the inside reef on fiddlers and green crabs. It seems they are not being fished for, so the fiels is clear, men. Blue claws are still around in the bays. (Anchor alongside a flounder fisherman and you'll get a few.)

AMITYVILLE

George at **Comb's Bait & tackle** said that the bass action has been picking up. Bill Crandall of North Massapequa weighed in a 45½ lb. bass he took on a live eel on the first of the ebb Thursday night at the west end parking field number 2. Mike Vulpis took a 34 lb. bass on a live eel at the Wantagh Bridge at high water ebb at night. Trolling for bass has been excellent at the Bell Buoy outside Fire Island Inlet with white tubes John Sekora umbrella rigs. Catches of up to forty bass 3 to 5 lbs. were being taken on both Saturday and Sunday. Flounder fishing has been fair to good at West Island and also Squaw Island. Flood tide best, chumming with clam and bloodworms for bait. Still a few 2to 5 lb. blackfish around the Wantagh Bridges and the Kismet Reef with green crabs.

SEAFORD

Dave Pigott of the open boat **Lucky Strike III** said the flounder fishing is very good in East Bay. He picked up the bigger 1 lb. flounder on worms with the outgoing tide. Dave now has a heated cabin for his fares.

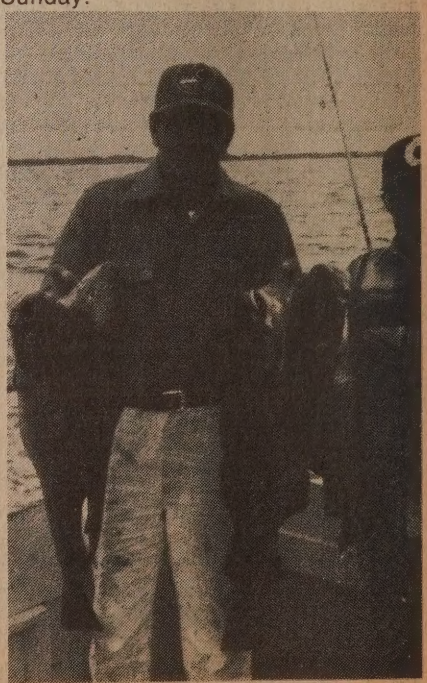
Lon Wanser Bait & Tackle said that flounder have been very poor and anglers have tried everywhere. Try the Massapequa shore around Florence Beach and Squaw Island area. A good cols snap will hopefully move the fish off the flats and improve the fishing.

WANTAGH

Frank at **Causeway** tells us flounder fishing has slowed down a bit from last week, but should improve again with a few days of colder weather. The surf went comparatively dead this past weekend, with just a few exceptions. Lot of grass in the water.

MERRICK

George at **Nick's Fishing Station** reports very good flounder fishing, fish to a pound, in Broad Creek, on bloods. Chum helps. Your reported fished Whaleneck Point Sunday morning, grabbing a good chunk of outgoing water. Lots of postage stamps, but enough ½ lb. fat keepers to be worth while. Fishing slower than last weekend. Lots of schoolie bass to 8 lbs. off Lido, Rockaways, etc. on a variety of trolled gadgets. Fish ran generally to 10 lbs., a few to 30 lbs. Walt Makin trolled a red plug (call Jimmy for name of plug) and mohawked school bass Saturday and Sunday.



Steve Yokemick and Capt. Frank Bryant of the "Moby D" out of Lindenhurst with the first cod of the year for the area.

N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

FREEPORT

Capt. Paul Schmidt of the **Aloma II** said that blackfishing has been excellent at the Stone Barge, Coal Barge and other wrecks. Blacks average 1 to 4 pounds and one 7-lb. cod and a few ling have also come over the rails. Strictly skimmer clams on the last of the incoming and beginning of the outgoing. Capt. Schmidt will be going for cod at 6:30 a.m. from now on and will fish southeast of the Cholera Banks.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports lots of small flounders (throw 'em back, guys) and enough keepers to make it worthwhile. The fish are fat. Broad Creek behind Merrick's the best bet. Worms. Chum if you are hungry. A few clue claws in the bays of Merrick.

Mako Marina reports a good catch of cod by John Woolnet of the Irish II in 80' water S.E. of Jaws Inlet, to 25 lbs. Flounder are excellent in the hole off Short Beach Coast Guard Station on incoming water; fish 1 pounders. Taking worm and clam. Chumming not necessary. The charter boat **Nite Owl** had a bass Sunday, in 35' of water off Long Beach—fish ran 25-29 lbs., on black tubes and on spoons.

The infamous **G. Korn**, who has yet to catch his first striped bass, has been sighted at Field 9, swimming in the surf in an eel-costume, a huge trebel hook swinging from his ankle, calling "Here-fishie-fishie."

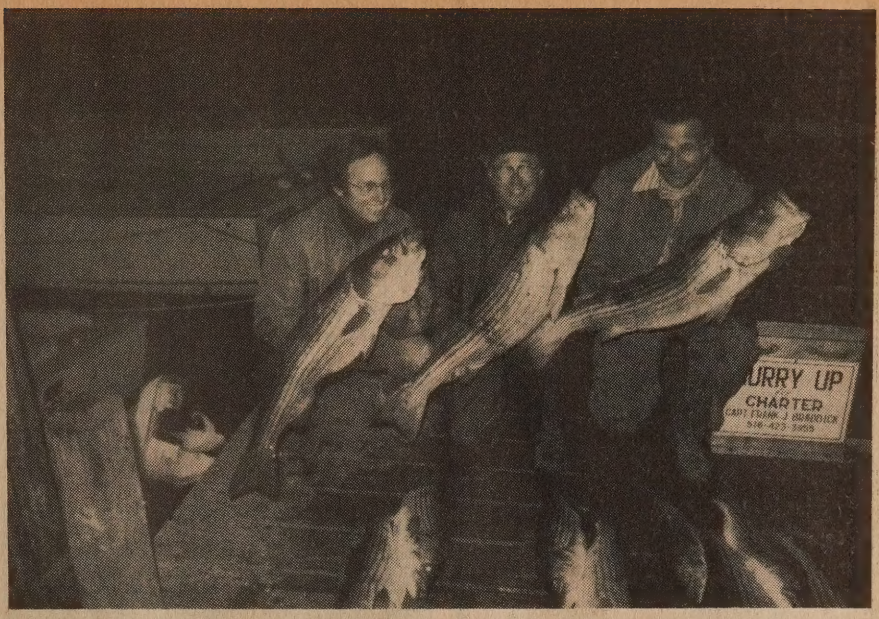
POINT LOOKOUT

Marilyn Wardle at **Ed's Fishing Staion** said the striped bass fishing has been pretty good with live eels near the Lido Beach Hotel. Palph Pantony pulled a 41 pounder from there on a live eel. Flounder fishing on the flats, Swift Creek and the Coast Guard area with worms has been very good. Blackfish are taking fiddler and green crabs at the meadowbrook and Loop Bridges and the Tea wreck.

ISLAND PARK

Capt. Clam of the **Commodore** saif that there is good flounder activity in the Garrett Lead area. Fish are mixed large and small. best action on outgoing water with bloodworms.

Beckmans Tackle reports good flounder fishing in the bays. They ar small but getting bigger. Blacks still invade most of all the bridges and piers. Striped bass trolling from Gilgo westward is best in about 45 to 50 feet of water. Umbrella rigs or a red or black Bingle Boa works well. Bunker spoon trolling seems to be fading.



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ATLANTIC BEACH

Ronnie Lepper called to say that the Jersey coast was off bass-wise this past week due to North winds. So Mr. L. zeroed in on our local south shore beaches, where he trolled 55 guys with stripers (9 between 20 and 35 lbs.) on the new small Lupo umbrellas (sand eel color). This was between Atlantic Beach and Long Beach, in 25'-50' of water. Both the water and the fish were loaded with sand eels.

Bass action from the beach and boat was great both Saturday and Sunday, according to Sy Rubin of **Hennings Fishing Station**. Bass were taken from the surf from Lido Beach to Rockaway on Redfins, Rebels and live eels when you could get them. Fish are all sizes up to 30 lbs. and one reported fifty. Boats are killing the bass trolling small Lupo umbrells rigs, tubes red and dark colors and bunker spoons for larger fish. The fish are in very thick and are found anywhere from 20 to 60 feet of water. Wire line only, the fish are deep. Monday morning there was a real blitz at th west end of Lido down to Atlantic Beach where the fishing was hottest.

Sy said flounder are up and down the length of Reynold's Channel. Fish are hitting bloodworms thru all tides, chum if you can. Blackfish 3 to 5 lbs. are being taken at the Silverpoint Jetty, Atlantic Beach Bridge and just about anywhere there is rocks. Fiddlers have been the only bait that works. Outside at buoy 4 blacks are also being taken.

JAMAICA BAY

Cross bay Rod and Gun reports both flounder and blackfish action good off of the North and South Channel Bridges. Worm, fiddlers and green crabs. Best is incoming water. Te bass is sporadic, at best. Try sand worms at night for your best shot.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny at **Santos Sport Shop** says bass at Penny Beach for surfcasters has been very consistent, largest of 17¾ lbs. falling to a bottom fished worm cast out by Nick DePompea. High outgoing seems best, with incoming slower but producing. Bucktailing is morning and evening gives a slow, steady pick. A 30 pounder was taken on worm from South Beach. No details. Slow bass action from the beack at Great Kills Park, on worms. Flounder on bloods and clam in Great Korn Harbor, both sides of the high. Blacks on fiddler

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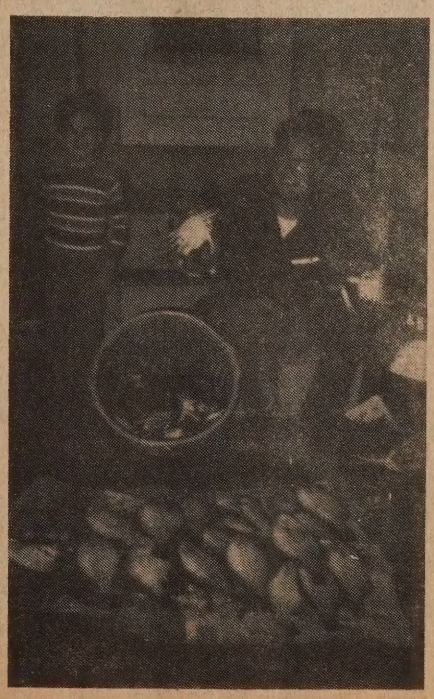


Father and son Peter Matchekosky with flounder and blue claw crabs they caught recently at Grass Island.

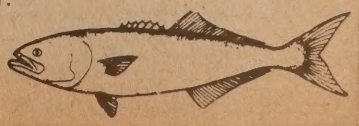
Bob of John Baumann's Tackle, N.Y.C. with his cousin George caught these fish on live bunkers they snagged. They live lined the bunkers from A 12 ft. cartop outside of Jones Inlet in the pre-dawn hours of 10-30-74. The two bass were 38 and 40 lbs. with the blue 15 lbs.

crabs and green crabs, same place and off the jetty. Boat anglers are scoring well with Bingle Gorilla tubes off West Bank and Romer Shoals Lighthouse, Flynns Knoll and from the old Coast Guard Station to the Twin Lights. 40' waater. Boats are getting 3-7 stripers a tide.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Nice blackfish of 5 to 10 lbs. are being caught at most of the local wreck and off the Jersey shore according to Fred at **Mikes Tackle**. They are taking the usual crab baits. The bluefish have gone and the party boats are now trying for cod. Although it is spotty they are coming in with 18-30 cod per boat. School sized striped bass are being taken on red and black umbrella rigs on the black side of Ambrose. Diamond or A-27 jigs are also taking the same size bass off Manhattan beach, at the Tin Can Grounds and on Jerry's Lump.

Vinny at **Salvo's Bait & Tackle** said the bunker spoon troller working the moving tides have picked up a good amount of striped bass and some big 30 and 40 pounders. They worked the Sandy Hook area and Flynn's Knoll. Flounders are at Korvettes, 69 st. pier and along the sea wall on worms. Korvettes also has some blacks. Coney Island piers has flounder and herring. Plugs and bucktails are taking 5 and 6 lb. bass at th 69 street pier.



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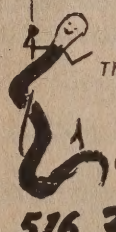

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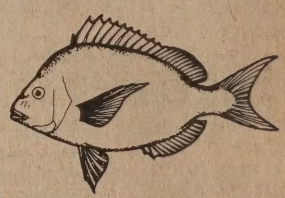

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NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

GREENPORT

Striped bass are taking bucktails and diamond jigs in the Plum Gut and the Race according to **Art White's Bait Shop.** Some bait fishermen are also doing pretty good also. Flounder are at Pipe's Cove, off Orient Point State Park and Orient feryy slip. The docks in Greenport all hold blackfish as well as the north side os Plum Island and Gull Island.

The Wilheric has done very well on blacks and stops sailing as of November 11. The **Brand X** will continue to sail and is doing very well on striped bass and blues.

SOUTHOLD

Alisa at **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** reports good blackfishing about 700 feet west of the station in Pettys Bight. Good flounder fishing just east of the station and along Long Beach off the fish traps. Striped bass are being taken in Plum Gut on Bucktails with porkrind. A few blues are also hitting the bucktails but they prefer bait. Flounders of ¾ lb. are in Pipes Neck Cove, Goose Creek and off the Greenport Jetty.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Queeensland Cove Tackle Shop's owner Earl Deitrich had a heart attack Sunday according to his son Barry. Earls at Mother Hospital in Port Jefferson so send him a card those of you he has so graciously helped.

Dicks Sporting Goods said the blacks and flounder were slow maybe due to the warm weather. School size striped bass are being taken on bucktails and wire line at Middle Grounds.

NORTHPORT

Bowman's Sporting Goods informs us that Centerport Harbor is the last stronghold for blues in his area. Still a few being trolled and casted to, tubes and tin. Some stripers, from LILCO/ Sunken Meadow, 200 yards offshore, drifting worms & clam, eels amd swimming plugs. A few flounder on sand worms, at various spots in the sound. Blacks on clam and fiddlers at all rocks and jetties. Fish 2 hours both sides of the high. Figure 3 blacks for every flattie.

A talking blackfish that works at **Larkfield Sports** informs L.I.F. that blackfishing slowed this past week, due to the strong northeast winds. Mr. B. did deck 10 blacks in the 6 lb. class on Sunday at 11B on green crab, high incoming tide. Flounder fishing slow. Try drifting.

HUNTINGTON

Capt. Don of the **Everyready Fleet** called on the marine radio to say the flounder fishing is very good on sandworms and clams and black-fishing is fair to good on fiddlers and clam in the rocky spots. Don will be sailing ½ day on Thanksgiving (8 a.m.-12 noon) to give fares and (himself) a crack at a turkey dinner.

Four Winds Tackle Shop reports "incredible, fantasric" blackfishing at the 11B area at Eatons Neck. Fish run 2-14 lbs. and use green crab for bait while the tide is running, fiddlers on the slack. Lots of school bass at Buoy 13 at Eatons Neck on white Sekora rigs in 20-30' water w/wirw. There's a lot of spearing and sand eels in the water, which is 55 degrees (warm!) at Eatons Neck rip. Some flounder in Lloyd Harbor and Duck Harbor.

COLD SPRING HARBOR

Harry at **Veteran's Fishing Station** reports small flounder on sands and incomin tide, anywhere in the harbor. Blacks on fiddlers on greencrab at the Whitewood Point rocks, also on incoming water. Just a few stripers on sand worm/spinner trolled combos.

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Tip of the Week

This week's tip submitted by Richard Kincaid, Bronx, N.Y.

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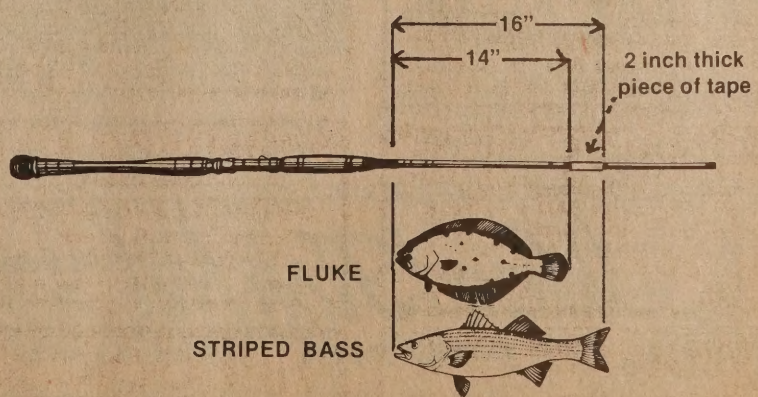
Measure 14 inches from the upper part of rod butt to the bottom of the tape. Automatically the two inch thickness of the tape will add two more inches in length to the outer edge of the tape, making it 16 inches. Fourteen inches is the legal minimum length for fluke (summer flounder) and 16 inches (snout to fork of tail) is the minimum length for bass.



GLEN COVE

John at **Glen Cove Sports** says the best bet now is flounder on sandworm off Prybill Beach on high incoming water.

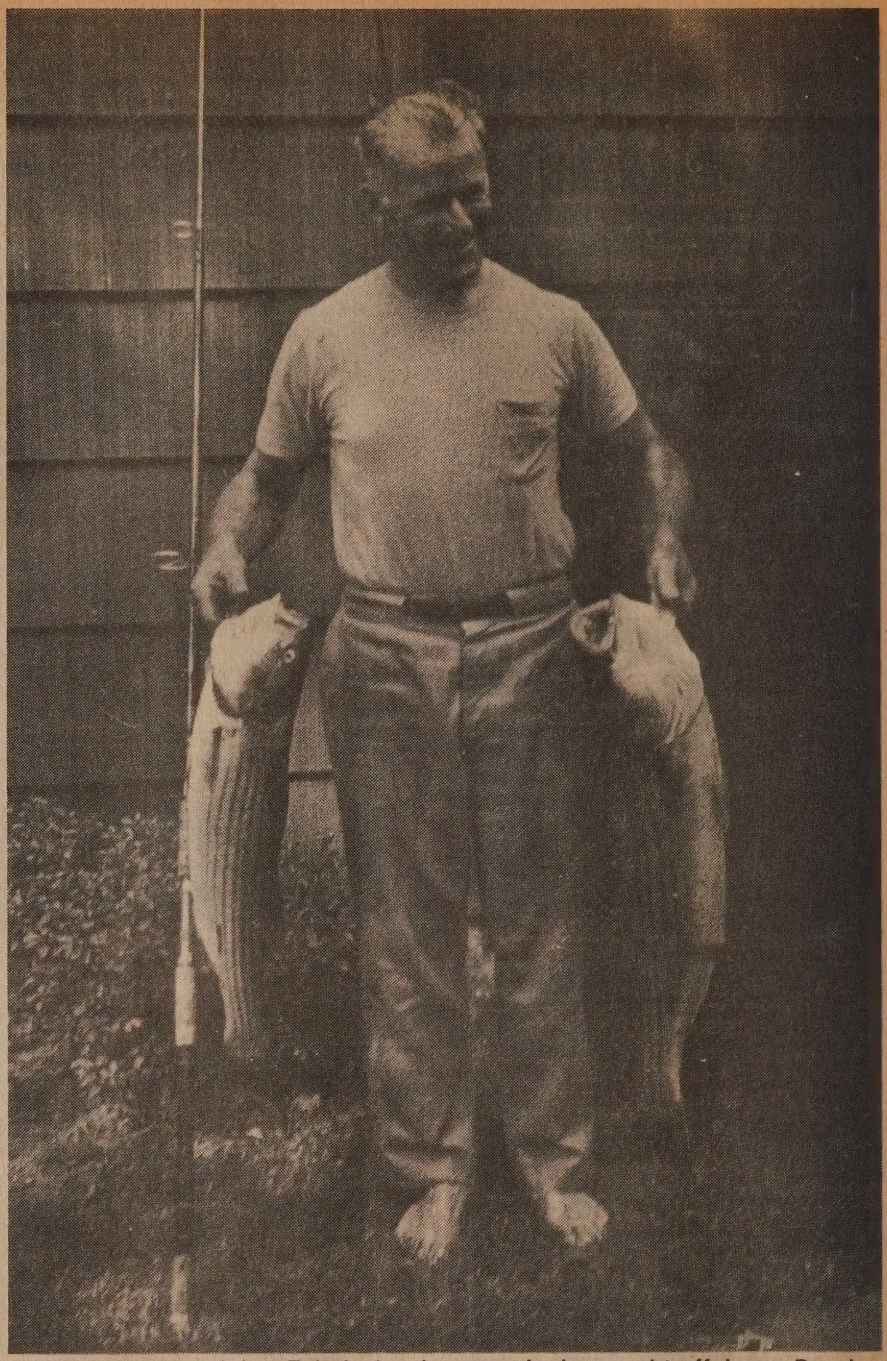
PORT WASHINGTON

Moreland's Bait & Tackle informs us that flounder is the local thing. "They're bigger & better" says Rocky. All over the bay, on sandworms, any moving water.

CITY ISLAND

Jacks Bait & Tackle reports excellent blackfishing in local rocky areas on green and fiddler crabs, moving water.

The **Theresal III, New Apache and North Star are all doing a super job on big blackfish.**



Surf fisherman John Falteisek of Malverne, L.I., displays two of three striped bass, ranging from 15 to 30 pounds, he caught off Jones Beach this week. Photo by Jim Bove.

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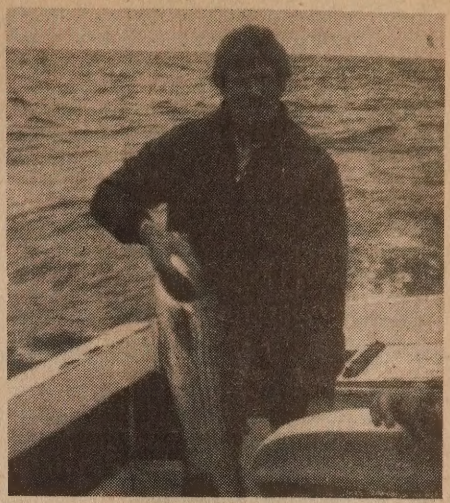
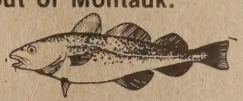


Terry Rosenquist with 15 lb. striper caught about the Francis Anne out of Montauk.



CONNECTICUT SCENE

NEW ROCHELLE

Blacks are flounder are big news here. Catches of 70 fish per man are not uncommon. There are some schoolies around but big bass, and blues are scarce.

MAMARONECK

Lots of short stripers around. No big ones or blues. Try for blacks and flounder.

RYE

Blackfish with many over 5 pounds are throughout the area. Flounder not big but many of them, are also to be found. Not many big bass but schoolies are hitting umbrella rigs on wire.

GREENWICH

Blacks and flounders are great. Consistent catches of schoolies are being made on 3/8 ounce bucktails.

STAMFORD

Cove Harbor and the Cows are the places to troll Smilin-Bills and tubes for base to 36 pounds, flounders in the inlets, blacks at Sound Reef, Cows Reef and Smiths Ledge. A few blues are being taken from shore on whole bunker.

ROWAYTON

Blues popped up off Westport

recently to hit plugs and bunker. Black are great, flounder good.

NORWALK

Blacks and flounder hold the spotlight. Browns Point produced a few bass on bait and eels.

WESTPORT

Blues were off and on last week. Trollers scored at Middle Ground. Casters scored at Compo on bait. Blackfish on very good flounder off and on.

BRIDGEPORT

Bass are popping up here and there. Chunk bait at Seaside produced fish to 22 pounds. Blacks all over.

STRATFORD

Blacks very good at breakwater, flounders all along the river shore. Blues sloed at Pleasure Beach and Can 9. Chunk baits are the best.

MILFORD

Some blues and bass in Bridgeport Harbor. Blacks at buoy 12 anytime. Flats on any mud or sand bottom.

WEST HAVEN

Blues around the piers and bridges on an off and on basis. Stripers and blacks slow. Flounders are good and steady everywhere.

NEW HAVEN

Blacks galore at Townsends Lege, the Brightwaters and Charles Island. Drifting and trolling worms at Milford and Morningside are producing bass from 4 to 12 pounds.

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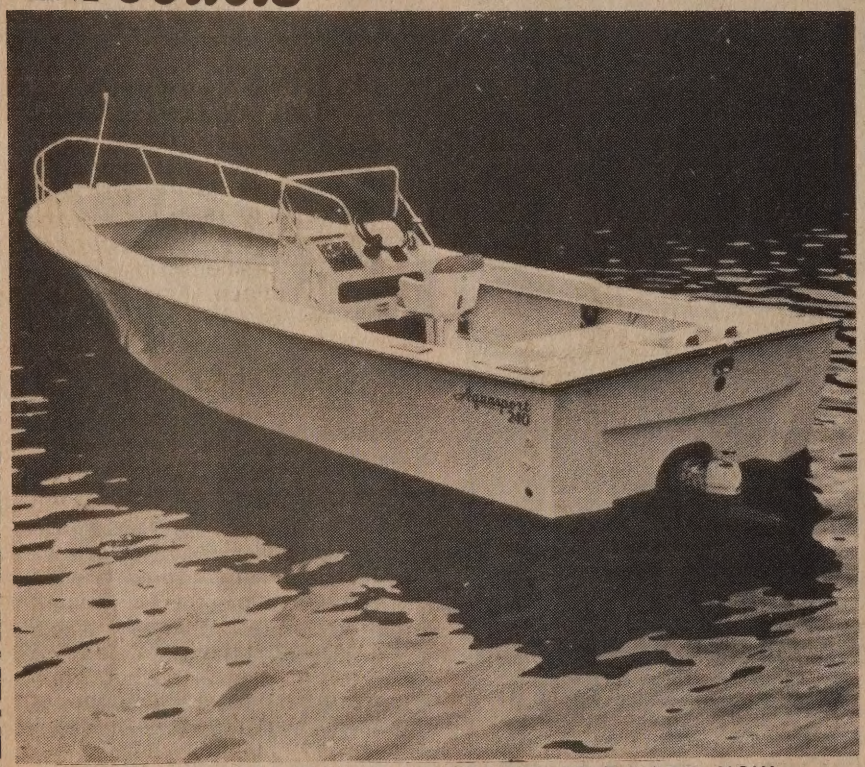

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NEW JERSEY Fishing Report

SANDY HOOK

Excellent trolling for stripers with fish going to 37 lbs. Try between the chanels, along the beach and the point of the hook. Spoons and the Gorilla rig are the best bet.

SEABRIGHT

Very slow fishing is the word. An occasional bass is being caught from the jetties at night.

LONG BRANCH

Very slow, here too. Because the water is rough and dirty from the recent storm.

HATTERAS REPORT
By
Ken Lauer

Night fishing can be fun anytime, but for sheer excitement the week of the full moon tops them all. This past week gave us an unbeatable combination: clear water, light breezes and surf, and a full moon. I slipped out to the beach at dusk, thinking there might be a few channel bass feeding around the point. There were a couple of dozen guys already there with the same idea. Matter of fact, they already had a couple of small bass (10 to 15 lb.) on the beach.

Impaling a chunk of mullet on a 5/0 hook I heaved the mess as close to the offshore bar as I could get. In less than ten minutes I had my first fish on, one of the ten- fifteen-pound "yearling drun". By 9:30 there were four more of the smaller variety lying beside the first, and one grandaddy that would go close to fifty. Shortly after that the big blues moved in and for all purposes the drum fishing was over. We did stick around to argue with those 15 pound blues, but after having eight or 10 rigs cut off we beat a hasty retreat.

The next morning found us above Avon, running the beach and looking for action. We found it in the form of big choppers working over a school of luckless mullet. The mullet had tried to take refuge in the shallow water along the shore, but the blues followed and were often scraping their bellies on the sand. Light tackle and lures was the order of the day for these ten pound scrappers.

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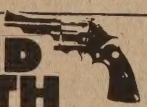
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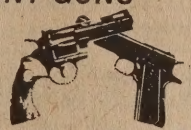
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the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. That Committee has held quite a number of hearings on the bill during the year, but sub-committee chairman John Dingell (D.-Mich.) continues to keep it bottled up in response to demands from his friends in the State Department and tuna industry.

On October 11th, Rep. Gerry E. Studds (D.-Mass.), sponsor of HR8665, discussed the legislation directly with President Ford, along with 5 other Congressmen who have long been involved in the fight to save America's marine fisheries. They included Rep. James R. Grover, Jr. (R.-N.Y.), the ranking minority member of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, Rep. Don H. Clausen (R. Calif.), Rep. Edwin B. Forsythe (R.-N.J.), Rep. David N. Henderson (D.-N.C.), and Rep. Don Young (R.-Alaska).

The delegation attempted to get the President to change the administration's attitude towards the effort to save America's marine fisheries, and the President indicated that he would take another look at the legislation with an "open mind." The group also indicated that they were willing to work up compromise legislation which might be acceptable, both to Congress and the administration.

Commenting on the present impasse, Allan J. Ristori, Chairman of The Emergency Committee to Save America's Marine Resources, noted that "It's a sad comment upon our political processes that the best interests of other countries often take precedence over those of American citizens. Henry Kissinger's assertion that 200 mile fisheries limit would hurt our relations with the Soviet Union and Japan was all the excuse some Senators needed to permit destruction of America's precious marine resources to continue. Foreign fleets take billions of dollars worth of resources from America's offshore waters; reduce the quantity and quality of fish available to America's consumers, thereby driving up fish prices at a rate far greater than that of meat; and destroy the gear of those American fishermen who have not already been driven out of work on our traditional fishing grounds.

"Defense Department objections are even more specious in that our present 12 mile fisheries jurisdiction permits a country that we're theoretically arming to protect ourselves against (the Soviet Union) to maintain hundreds of large vessels (ranging up to 600 feet) as close as 12 miles from our shores. These uninspected vessels could literally destroy the United States in an instant, even with relatively unsophisticated missiles. Yet the "Offense" Department is more concerned about passage through straits in Asia than the menace provided by Communist-bloc vessels which crowd our shorelines every day of the year!

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the American people know just who is really concerned about preserving our precious marine resources for future generations."

A list of those Senators who have already taken a position for or against conservation of America's marine resources in the Foreign Relations Committee is as follows:

For S.1988—To protect America's Marine Resources: John Sparkman (D. Ala.); Frank Church (D. Idaho); Stuart Symington (D. Mo.); Claiborne Pell (D.R.I.); Edmund S. Muskie (D. Maine); George S. McGovern (D. S. Dak.); Hubert H. Humphrey (D. Minn.); James B. Pearson (R. Kans.).

Against S.1988—Against protecting America's Marine Resources: Mike Mansfield (D. Mont.); Gale W. McGee (D. Wyo.); George D. Aiken (R. Vt.); Clifford P. Case (R. N.J.); Jacob K. Javits (R. N.Y.); Hugh Scott (R. Pa.); Charles H. Percy (R. Ill.); Robert P. Griffin (R. Mich.); J.W. Fulbright (D. Ark.), Chairman.

For further information, contact Allan J. Ristori, Emergency Committee to Save America's Marine Resources, 110 Charlotte Place, Englewood Cliffs, N.J. 07632.

USEFUL JUNK

Junked cars dumped into the ocean off Hawaii have created artificial reefs and a haven and breeding ground for many kinds of fish. According to reports from the Hawaii Division of Fish and game, the fish population has increased 400 percent in the past two years because of the artificial reefs.

Eddie Anderson, an insurance executive who spearheaded a three-month junk car cleanup, said that using abandoned automobiles to create artificial shoals had been successfully tested elsewhere. "I was convinced this was the way to remove unsightly abandoned cars from the landscape and replenish the fish population."

Although the proposal first generated environmental opposition, Anderson convinced the mayor of Honolulu to give the project a try. Using volunteer labor and donated equipment—and support from communtiy groups and the military—some 2,000 derelict autos were towed to holding sites, processed to remove potentail polluntants like batteries and all fluids and barged to three locations off Oahu.

The fish use the artificial reefs for breeding, and young fish find that the cars provide haven—glove compartments and under seats—where they can escape predators. The fish from the reefs are healthy and good to eat. Reprinted from New York State Environment, Vol. 4 No. 3.

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pts.;
3. Long Island Striper Club, 2,756 pts.;
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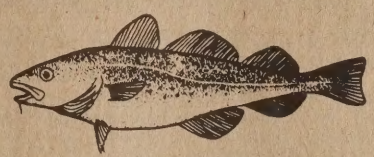
17. Babylon Tuna Club, 803 pts.;
18. East Bay Anglers, 691 pts.



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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration

	A.M		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	4:00	**10:40**	4:30	**11:05**
Fri.	4:50	**11:35**	5:20	—
Sat.	5:40	**12:05**	6:15	**12:30**
Sun.	6:45	**1:05**	7:15	**1:30**
Mon.	7:40	**1:55**	8:05	**2:20**
Tues.	8:35	**2:50**	9:00	**3:10**
Weds.	9:25	**3:40**	9:50	**4:00**
Thurs.	10:15	**4:30**	10:40	**4:50**

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is not practical and they, as well as many boat fishermen, catch flounders without it.

But for you fellows who are fortunate enough to have access to some form of water transport, chum should be standard operating procedure when flounder fishing. There is no better way to effectively attract and maintain flounder than to use chum.

The most successful kind I have found thus far is the bank mussel. Simply crack the shell of the mussel and toss it uptidr from your boat so that it will be carried by the current and settle underneath you. It is wise not to over-chum, or chances are the bottom will hold many satiated flatfish and the bucket will contain only a few. A half-dozen or so mussels every hour should be adequate. If the current is very fast you will have to use a chum pot.

Generally most flounders will be taken from muddy bottoms, clam beds or off the deep edge of sand bars. The Great South Bay is primarily a mud-bottomed clam bed with many sand bars, therefore practically the whole bay holds flounder. For drydockers, practically any local beach area will be holding flounders. Select that point on the beach that juts farthest out in the water, whether it be a jetty, dock or natural formation, cast out your rig and prepare yourself for the telltale tug of the winter flatfish. For you sea-goers, try the deep holes (eight feet or better) and the cuts that empty into that State Channel; the Amityville, Lindenhurst or Babylon cuts. These areas will continue to hold fish into December, providing the weather holds up long enough to make fishing practical. Sucessful and comfortable fall flounder fishing normally can be done from the middle of September until the end of November.

Flounders are exceptionally fine table fare, whether fileted or pan fried on the round. Not only are they great eating, they are also great fun to catch so don't hesitate to take the whole family flounder fishing. It'll be an experience they won't soon forget. (The wife may even understand why you insist on fishing so often.)

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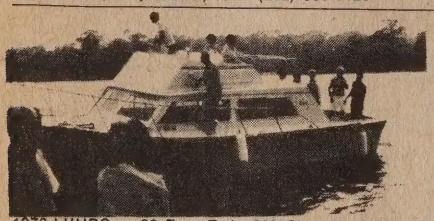

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Note: All hours listed are "clock" hours.

	SANDY HOOK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
11/14 THURSDAY	7:30	7:51	8:59	9:32	11:19	11:53	10:55	11:25
11/15 FRIDAY	8:12	8:33	9:41	10:16	11:57	—	11:39	—
11/16 SATURDAY	8:53	9:17	10:26	11:02	12:33	12:29	12:10	12:24
11/17 SUNDAY	9:35	10:03	11:12	11:49	1:06	1:02	12:54	1:09
11/18 MONDAY	10:21	10:48	11:59	—	1:37	1:37	1:40	1:55
11/19 TUESDAY	11:06	11:38	12:41	12:48	2:15	2:18	2:28	2:41
11/20 WEDNESDAY	11:54	—	1:35	1:41	2:57	3:05	3:16	3:34
11/21 THURSDAY	12:27	12:43	2:31	2:39	3:44	3:55	4:08	4:29

on SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
(Inlet,Breakwater & Dem. Pt.)	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Loop Parkway Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	+0 00
Beach Channel (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	−0 12

on NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Connecticut River	+1 10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land (Napeague)	−0 14
Fort Pond Bay	−0 29
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point	−1 13

on WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28

PHASES OF THE MOON

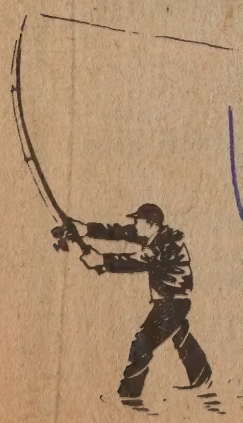
11/14	11/21	11/29	11/7
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

on BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	−0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0 08
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and/or minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet —0 50" is listed under "on Sandy Hook". — 0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.



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